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Electrical Company (Elmar N.V.) in Judicial Debate Over Employee Salaries



After many internal deliberations, meetings and discussions in an effort to avoid a court case, notwithstanding a group of Elmar employees decided to proceed with legal proceedings against their employer. Thirty employees with individual contracts are insisting on a drastic change in the manner in which their salaries are paid. This change could result in a retroactive payment of in the excess of 1 million Florins with a subsequent consequence for the current payroll and for the future. This will also imply a heavy blow to the pension fund of the very same employees in question.

The discussion regarding this issue emerged since 2005, when Elmar's management decided at that time reached an agreement with this group of employees known as company "staff" to arrange their increases separate from their salaries.

In essence, these employees are eligible from time to time to receive anywhere from Fls.100 to Fls.300 gratifications on their monthly salaries. These gratifications are based on performance appraisals and are dependent on each employee's particular function and salary scale. The agreement reached back in 2005 indicates that at each new

Collective Working Agreement for all employees, the group of 43 "staff" members would be entitled to all benefits and increases of the CWA. However, increases with respect to performance the company would pay these out in a lump sum. This means that in the event the employee was entitled to a Fls.300 performance increase, the company would hold this and at the end of the year the employee would receive Fls. 3600 as a one-time payment in addition to his regular salary.

Elmar N.V. has a total of 155 employees, which includes 43 who have individual working agreements and are not included in the general CWA. The individual contracts allows the company to pay these 43 employees slightly higher salaries but that they are not eligible for overtime payment nor can they participate in any strike action or work slow down.

To retract the original agreement, the company would be forced to correct the salaries of each individual employee working back 6 years to date. This, reportedly, will cost Elmar more or less 1 million Florins. What's more, this will have certain repercussions on the monthly salary expenses of the 43 employees in question

which is about 1/3rd of the company's personnel.

In addition to this, the biggest negative effect of this measure will be to the Company's Pension Program (SBA). This is the foundation which manages the pension program for employees of Elmar. Ironically, the SBA has for some years, indicated that they foresee problems with maintaining solvency because of the high salaries being paid employees. Should they implement the changes that the 30 employees are requesting, this will seriously jeopardize the pension fund today and well into the future. In the past the performance increases were not part of the salaries, consequently these were not part of the calculation for pensions, hence had no bearing on the pension fund.

Management of Elmar is now extremely concerned about this new development, since they made every effort to convince these employees that there was nothing else they could have done for the best interest of the company. Nevertheless, these employees chose to continue with a court case, which may even have negative consequences as far reaching as the clients of Elmar. The company, reportedly, has financial difficulty in meeting the conditions of the current CWA, let alone an increase as proposed by these employees. In the event a change is mandated, this will most certainly result in an increase in the electricity tariffs, something that Elmar has diligently tried to avoid for many years.

The civil case tendered by 30 of the employees against Elmar was scheduled to take place yesterday, Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:30 in the morning. Lawyer, Edwin Dijneveld defended the employees and Milly Schwengle represented the interests of Elmar N.V.

Aruban students in Holland get update on student insurance

Of late, student insurances are in the news in Holland. For this reason, Director of Arubahuis, mr. Desiree Croes is providing students explicit instructions regarding the matter of insurance in Holland and of the problems surrounding the so-called and disputed "Zorgtoeslag" (Care-Allowance).

Every citizen in Holland, including foreigners with residence permits, must be insured. This is obligatory. The various insurances are known as the People's Insurances (Volksverzekeringen) and are mandatory general insurances. One of these insurances is the Algemene Wet Bijzondere Ziektekosten (AWBZ) (General Legal Particular Sickness Coverage). There is a decree on this particular insurance which states that, among others, the details of those insured are to be regulated in further detail. The AWBZ stipulates that every citizen of the Netherlands is mandatorily insured. On the other hand, the legal decree (article 20) stipulates that anyone coming to the Netherlands to study and is less than 30 years of age will be exempted from obligatory insurances (Holland's People Insurances). This means that any student who is employed and/or is older than 30 years of age is not exempt from the obligatory insurance. This particular decree is contradictory to article 8 of the very same decree, which was implemented to ensure that a Dutch student who for study purposes is living outside of Holland remains insured according to the obligatory Dutch insurance. This reportedly avoids any double insurance.

One interesting aspect of this legal article is that there is no mention of the Dutch Kingdom, simply of Holland;



neither is there any reference to the Dutch nationality. Hence, the exclusion is not based on nationality, but on country. The impression is created that when this law was created there was no thought given to Aruban and Antillean students coming from outside of the Netherlands with the express purpose of studying in Holland. Apparently, and perhaps unintentionally, our students have received a totally different kind of treatment, one equal to foreign students in Holland. In the past, insurance companies, based on article 20, have refused to ensure our students in the "People's Insurances" program.

In the light of this, the Arubahuis decided to design a private insurance program for our Aruban students. This private insurance program complies with all the requirements stipulated in the Dutch obligatory general insurance law; which makes this a truly legal insurance program. Notwithstanding, Arubahuis continued to explore the possibility for insuring our Aruban students in like fashion as all other Dutch students studying in Holland.

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Sub recover second Air France black box

Bin Laden death will not affect al-Qaeda: Egypt Jihad leader

PARIS, France - Search teams have retrieved the second black box flight recorder of an Air France plane that crashed in the Atlantic in 2009 en route from Rio to Paris, killing 228 people, French investigators said Tuesday.

"The investigation team localised and identified the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) at 2150 UTC (GMT) on Monday 2 May, 2011," France's Bureau of Investigation and Analysis (BEA) said in a statement.

The recorder was "in good condition," BEA chief Jean-Paul Troadec told AFP, adding: "The chassis, the module and even the under-water locator beacon is there."

The find by the robot submarine could be a breakthrough in the investigation into the disaster, as the boxes may hold crucial data that could enable BEA investigators to determine the cause of the crash.

An attempt will be made to recover bodies of victims from the 2009 Rio-Paris flight crash into the Atlantic "in the next 24 to 48 hours," a source close to investigators told AFP on Tuesday.

The source was cautious however about the chances of recovering the bodies of the 228 people, given the length of time since the June 2009 accident.

CAIRO, Egypt (AFP) - A founding member of Egypt's Islamic Jihad and friend of Al-Qaeda's new chief Ayman Al-Zawahiri told AFP Tuesday that Osama bin Laden's death will not affect the organisation and pleaded against revenge attacks.

Aboud al-Zumur, who was in jail with Zawahiri after the assassination of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat in 1981, said bin Laden was a "martyr" whose death at the hands of US special forces in Pakistan "will solve nothing."

"Al-Qaeda is not a person, it is an institution," said Zumur, who was freed from prison after a popular revolt ousted president Hosni Mubarak in February.

Speaking in Cairo, Zumur pleaded with bin Laden's sympathisers not to take revenge for the jihadist leader's assassination.

"I say to them, be patient. Don't seek revenge. If you attack tourists or embassies, you will be attacking innocents." The US State Department issued a warning to its citizens abroad after bin Laden's death.

Zumur said the mass protests that toppled the regimes in both Tunisia and Egypt had sapped support for militant groups because they showed there was another way to confront tyrants.

He said the Islamic Jihad and another former militant group, Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, were forming political parties to compete in a parliamentary election in September.

Zumur said that Zawahiri, the 59-year-old surgeon and former Islamic Jihad member who has long been considered the real mastermind in Al-Qaeda's war against the United States and Arab regimes, is a "dear friend."

Zawahiri, Al-Qaeda number two, is now set to succeed bin Laden as the world's most wanted man.



Governor to challenge Venezuela's Chavez in 2012



CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - The popular governor of Venezuela's Miranda state announced plans Tuesday to run for the presidency in 2012, challenging firebrand President Hugo Chavez.

Henrique Capriles, 38, said he would seek the endorsement of a divided opposition movement to challenge Chavez.

"I would like to announce today to the nation that I will take a step forward," said the governor of the second-most populous state in Venezuela. "I would work to allow us to build a Venezuela for everyone."

The announcement comes with a number of opposition groups ranging from center-

left to conservative, planning a primary next February to name a candidate to run against Chavez, an elected leftist-populist. Foes charge Chavez has increasingly sought to undercut opposition in addition to his nationalizations and extremely close ties with Communist Cuba.

"I don't want to be president of a group, I want to be president of all Venezuelans," Capriles said.

Polls show Capriles has the broadest support among the opposition.

The opposition, which boycotted elections in 2005, is now seeking to present a unified front against Chavez. In legislative elections last September, the opposition made a strong showing even though Chavez's ruling party held on to a majority with 98 of 165 seats.

Chavez, a harsh critic of the United States, is seeking a new term in 2012 after 12 years in office.

Thanks to a constitutional amendment passed during his time in office, in 2009, Venezuela now allows unlimited re-election for all public offices.

101 journalists killed across the globe in 2010: IPI

VIENNA, Austria (AFP) - The number of journalists killed across the globe last year hit 101, the second highest figure since the 1990s, the International Press Institute (IPI) said.

The most dangerous region was Asia, with 40 journalists killed, 15 of them in Pakistan, the group said.

Thirty-two journalists were killed in the Americas, making it the second most dangerous continent.

"Although the number of journalists killed, 101, was down, compared to 2009 when 110 died -- including dozens in a massacre in the Philippines - the final tally was still the second-worst annual figure since IPI's Death Watch began in the early 1990s," a statement by the organisation said.

The IPI also said the number of countries where journalists were being killed had risen, "indicating that the threat to journalists is widening."

Pakistan became the deadliest country with 15 deaths, followed by Mexico (12) and Honduras (10).

Over the last five years 472 journalists have been killed across the world, most of them in Iraq and in the Philippines.

In 2009, 32 journalists died in a massacre in the southeast Asian country as they accompanied a local election candidate in the Maguindanao province

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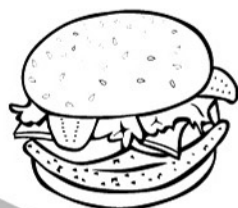
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Energy Surcharge ...no end in sight?

by Tony Green

Every month when we receive our utility bills we are dismayed because of the charges being compounded by the so-called "brandstof-clausule" – the energy surcharge.

At the onset of the year 2011, we lived with the hope that within a few months we would be rid of this heavy financial burden. However, it appears from recent statements made by officials that the energy surcharge is far from dead and may live for quite some time to come, perhaps may never die.

Reportedly, utility cost in Aruba is cheaper than in

some other countries, including the Caribbean, even cheaper than in Curacao. While this may be so, that is not necessarily relevant to us. That people in other countries pay more for water and light than we do in Aruba can never justify Aruba's high utility cost. Nor does this knowledge make it easier for us to come up with the cash to foot our high utility bills!

By our own standard, it is a heavy burden for the greater part of the Aruban community.

Everyone agrees that there MUST be a way, there

must be a method, and there must be something that we can do to eliminate the energy surcharge. We must become creative and find the magic solution to our high utility cost. Reportedly, it was heralded that after one year the energy surcharge would be gone. Now, it appears a new song is being sung, that it may not happen in a year, or two, or even three! Where are our genius minds, our utility brain child who can wave the miracle wand and get us out of this financial dilemma?

It has been hinted that everyone will be able to install solar panels to reduce dependence on the electricity company (Elmar) and significantly lower utility cost. However, no one has indicated who will be paying for the solar panels. Inquiries with companies specializing in their installation reveal it can be extremely expensive.

There is an initial purchase and then subsequent regular maintenance. Can those on a minimum wage income, which, according to sources is about 45% or more of the population, afford a solar panel? It is precisely this group in our community who feels the brunt of the energy surcharge more than anyone else.

Well, the cry is real, the cry is persistent....we want to be rid of the energy surcharge, or some other solution to bring the high cost of utilities down. Will the energy brain child please come forth and bail us out of this situation ASAP....that is, this week yet!?

Aruba taking precautions

ORANJESTAD – Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman announced that after U.S. President Barack Obama revealed the death of Osama bin Laden, he has taken all safety precautions for the community.

The PM coordinated with the Public Prosecutor, The Police Force and Department of National Security a series of measures in order to intensify security on Aruba and for incoming and outgoing traffic on the island.

These measures are valid until further notice.

Aruban Students in Holland

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In view of the article 20 decree, in 2006 the Arubahuis issued a communiqué informing all Aruban students to not apply for or make use of the income compensation granted for payment of insurance premiums, the so-called care-allowance.

In order to be eligible for the compensation (care-allowance) they must be:

1. Dutch citizen,
2. Adult,
3. Have a very low income,
4. Have the obligatory general Dutch insurance.

Despite this information, several students still received the Care-Allowance which the Tax Office has now levied on them.

One student decided to take the matter to court after being levied the repayment of the Care-Allowance from the Tax Office. The particular student is unknown to Arubahuis, but the student's circumstances appear to be identical to our Aruban students. The Judge in that case ruled in favor of the student in question.

The moment that the verdict was out, Arubahuis informed our students of the contents of the Judge's ruling. Arubahuis is proceeding cautiously, however, since it is not quite certain whether the situation of the student who went to court is, indeed, identical to the situation of

our Aruban students in general.

Arubahuis also indicated that they are of the opinion that the Judge did not take into consideration article 20 of the Decree. It appears that the decision of the court was based on a comparison of a private insurance program and the general obligatory insurance. According to the Judge the private program is in complete compliance with the legal requirements stipulated in the obligatory insurance.

Several Aruban students, under the guidance of Arubahuis have submitted formal statements of objection against the payment of the Care-Allowance. Thus far, one student has received notification in his favor and that without going to court, while for two other students their statements of objection were rejected and are now obliged to take the matter to court. The Judge will have the final word in their case.

Arubahuis is committed to keeping all students in Holland and the Aruban public up to date on this matter. For more information one can request a copy of the Judge's first decision from Desiree Croes or Mrs. Diaz at the department of Education, or from one of the Jurists in the Judicial Department at the Arubahuis.

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Aruba Heart Foundation announces June 11 Red Event at Windows on Aruba



Aruba Heart Foundation President Velma Daal and board members collaborated with cardiologist Dr. Juan Carlos van Leeuwen in urging islanders, particularly women, in joining them for their Red Event 2011, to take place on Saturday, June 11 at Windows on Aruba restaurant in the Divi Links Clubhouse.

The morning long symposium will feature guest speakers Dr. Yvonne Johnson, Director of the Heart Attack Unit at South Miami Heart Center in Florida, and Dr. Shirley Lo-A-

Njoe, Pediatric Cardiologist, with her own practice in Curaçao. They will be discussing the prevalence and treatment of Heart Disease among groups that are rarely considered victims: women and children.

Dr. Johnson will be speaking on "How Heart Disease Affects Women/Heart Health for Women" and "Menopause & Heart Disease." Dr. van Leeuwen warned that "Heart Disease is the #1 killer of women over a certain age, for more than cancer; once a woman has reached meno-

pause, she has just as much chance of having a heart attack as any man."

Heart Disease among children is more prevalent than imagined, as hereditary influences can cause heart conditions in infants, which can also be a result of congenital defects caused by the mother taking hypertension medication, certain antibiotics or undergoing chemo or radiology therapy while pregnant.

The seminar will include a cooking demonstration by Dr. R. Angela and noted nutritionist in the Windows on Aruba kitchens, which will then be served for all to sample. A lively program full of interesting material and entertaining activities is planned. The symposium begins at 9:00 AM and finishes about 1:00 PM.

Tickets for the Red Event go on sale May 15; they are available through board members Margaret John, tel# 560-3868, Selimah Maduro, tel # 593-5054, Sara Marugg, tel # 594-3150 or by calling their offices at 582-4278.

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'Million-dollar sharks' a boon to eco-tourism: report



PARIS (AFP) — A single reef shark can be worth nearly two million dollars in tourism revenue over its lifetime, according to a study released Monday by researchers in Australia.

The analysis from the Pacific island nation of Palau shows that sharks -- hunted worldwide for their fins, a Chinese delicacy -- are worth many times more to some local economies alive than dead.

"Sharks can literally be a 'million-dollar' species and a significant economic driver," said lead author Mark Meekan, a scientist at the

Australian Institute of Marine Science.

"Our study shows that these animals can contribute far more as a tourism resource than as a catch target," he said in a statement.

Sharks have reigned at the top of the ocean food chain for hundreds of millions of years.

But because they mature slowly and produce few offspring, the consummate marine predators have proven vulnerable to industrial-scale fishing.

Tens of millions of the coastal and open-water sharks are harvested every

year to supply a burgeoning appetite for meat and especially shark-fin soup.

The researchers found that the annual value to the Palau tourism industry of an individual reef shark at one of the country's major scuba-diving sites is 179,000 dollars (121,000 euros) a year, or about 1.9 million dollars (1.3 million euros) over the animal's lifetime.

Shark diving accounts for about eight percent of the tiny country's GDP and 14 percent of its business tax base. It also generates more than a million dollars annually in salaries.

In 2009, Palau became the first country in the world to declare all of its territorial waters to be a shark sanctuary, followed last year by Honduras and The Maldives.

The US state of Hawaii, the territories of Guam and the Northern Marianas, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands have all banned the possession, sale or distribution of shark fins.

Ancient 'nutcracker' man preferred salad: study

WASHINGTON) — He had the powerful jaws and big chompers to crack the toughest of shells, but a new study has shown that the ancient human relative known as "Nutcracker Man" actually preferred to munch on grass.

"It most likely was eating grass, and most definitely was not cracking nuts," said University of Utah geochemist Thure Cerling, lead author of the study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

With molars about triple the size of a modern man's, the human ancestor, *Paranthropus boisei*, is believed to have roamed the Earth between 1.2 million and 2.3 million years ago.

A skull found in Tanzania in 1959 quickly drew the nickname "Nutcracker Man" because of its giant teeth, but US and Kenyan researchers now say the species grazed on the same wild fields as the ancestors of zebras, pigs and hippos.

"They were competing with them," said Cerling.

"They were eating at the same table."

Researchers used a drill to pulverize tooth enamel, taken from already broken tooth samples from 22 individuals who lived in that period, and examined carbon isotope ratios that revealed what kind of food they were eating.

They could see that the specimens ate tropical grasses and herbs that use C4 photosynthesis, and not leaves, nuts and fruits that use C3 photosynthesis, the study said.

Only one similar diet has been seen in an extinct species of grass-eating baboon, the researchers said.

"The high proportion of C4 vegetation in the diet of *Paranthropus boisei* makes it different from any other hominin to date," said co-author Kevin Uno of the University of Utah.

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US takes aim at drugs that promise sex disease 'cure'

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The US government said it is launching an effort to remove from the market a host of drugstore products that promise to cure HIV, herpes, chlamydia and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Products including Medavir, Herpaflor, Viruxo, C-Cure, and Never An Outbreak, were among those targeted in the joint action by the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission.

"These products are dangerous because they are targeted to patients with serious conditions, where treatment options proven to be safe and effective are available," said

Deborah Autor, director of the Office of Compliance in FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

"Consumers who buy these products may not seek the medical attention they need and could spread infections to sexual partners."

The agencies "issued multiple letters to companies warning that their products violate federal law," a statement said.

"The joint action is the first step in keeping these unproven items from being sold to the public and preventing consumers from being misled."

Some of the products, sold in retail stores or online, are

marketed as "dietary supplements" but since they promise to treat disease they cannot be sold in interstate commerce without an FDA approval for a new drug application.

The statement issued by the FDA did not give details on how many drugs are being targeted, but more information could follow during a press conference later in the day.

The letters notify the companies involved that they have 15 days to correct any violations, or face "legal action, including seizure and injunction, or criminal prosecution," the FDA statement said.

Obese People Have Less Satisfying Sex Lives: Study



-- Obesity may lower levels of sexual satisfaction, especially for women, a new study shows.

Duke University researchers studied 91 obese men and 134 obese women who completed a sexual functioning questionnaire before enrolling in a weight loss study. The questionnaire cov-

ered nine areas: interest, desire, arousal, orgasm, satisfaction, behavior, relationship, masturbation and sexual problems.

"We found that there was lower sexual satisfaction and lower sexual quality of life among women than men, and overall sexual quality of life was low among both groups," Dr. Truls Ostbye, a professor in the department of community and family medicine, said in a Duke news release.

The researchers also compared the obese patients' scores to the results from a group of cancer survivors and a general population group. Obese women's scores were lower than both those groups' scores, while obese men's scores were between the scores of the cancer survivors and the general

population group.

"Our findings contribute to a growing body of research that indicates obesity is associated with reduced sexual functioning and sexual quality of life among both men and women," Ostbye said.

Doctors should be aware of this issue and invite obese patients to talk about it, the researchers said.

"Obese patients welcome the opportunity to discuss the effects of their weight on quality of life, including sexual quality of life," said study co-author and clinical psychologist Ronette L. Kolotkin. "Because so many obese individuals experience discrimination and prejudice, they appreciate providers who create a warm, supportive environment in which to discuss these sensitive issues."

Afghanistan 'worst place to be a mother'



WASHINGTON (AFP) — Afghanistan is the worst place in the world to be a mother and Norway is the best, with stark differences in conditions for women and children in the two countries, a report released recently said.

In Afghanistan and the nine other countries at the bottom of the Mothers' Index, compiled by the nonprofit group Save the Children, mothers and their children endure "grim conditions," with one in six kids dying before age five and one in three suffering from malnutrition.

Nearly half the population in the worst countries to raise kids lack access to clean water, and only four girls for every five boys are enrolled in primary school.

Most of the other bottom-ranked countries in the index are in sub-Saharan Africa. From worst to less bad, they are Niger, Guinea-Bissau, Yemen, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Mali, Sudan and the Central African Republic, the index says.

The top 10 countries, in order, were the five Nordic nations of Norway, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark and Finland; followed by Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, the Netherlands and France. Women and children enjoy excellent health, education and economic conditions in these countries, the report says. In Norway, for instance, "skilled health personnel are present at virtually every birth" while in Afghanistan, only 14 percent of births are attended.

The average life expectancy for a Norwegian woman is 83 years; in Afghanistan, it is 45.

More than eight in 10 Norwegian women use a modern method of contraception, and only 1 in 175 will lose a child before his or her fifth birthday.

"At the opposite end of the spectrum, in Afghanistan... less than 16 percent of women are using modern contraception, and one child in five dies before reaching age five. At this rate, every mother in Afghanistan is likely to suffer the loss of a child," the report says.

Save the Children researchers documented conditions for mothers and children in 164 countries: 43 developed nations and 121 in the developing world. Germany, Spain and Britain ranked just outside the top 10 of the index, while the United States was 31st, just above Luxembourg and Belarus.



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Aruba tourism executives meet with U.S. airlines



Recently, a delegation from Aruba headed by Ronella Tjin Asjoe – Croes, CEO and Sanju Luidens – Daryanani, CMO of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) visited the U.S. to meet with airlines that are of interest to our tourism industry. Delegates included Jo-Anne Arends, Head of Airline Marketing for Aruba Airport Authority (AAA) and Jim Hepple, CEO and President of Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA). They met with JetBlue, United/Continental Airlines, US Airways, Delta Airlines and Air Tran management.

The air travel business is going through an uncertain period due to the increased cost of fuel. Consequence are many airlines are not expanding their capacity and even reducing their fleet, certain routes and flight frequencies. Compared to the winter season of 2009/2010 (November-March) 2010/2011 experienced a decrease of 5.6% seats from the U.S. market. Apart from that, Aruba is and will stay an attractive tourist destination, but we must pay continuous attention to the latest developments.

The main objective of the trip was to review this past winter season's results and to negotiate possible accords for the upcoming winter season of 2011/2012. The delegation also reviewed the possibility to increase seating allotments from the U.S. to Aruba with the aim to reach the capacity of past years. New developments in the travel world were discussed, also the specific development for each airline and its effect for our island.

The United States is Aruba's largest market, representing 65% of our visitors. Trips such as this are part of Aruba's strategy to maintain and reinforce its social relationships.

Besides the U. S.A., other markets are also receiving continuous attention; the drop of visitors from the U.S. was compensated with traffic from other countries.

In the first quarter of 2011 Aruba experienced a growth of 2.3% for stay-over visitors, a record for this year, along with a new record for cruise ship visitors in March 2011.

More meetings are scheduled for other airlines



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A May Day tradition on Aruba - Open House at the Savaneta Marine Base



For one day out of the year, International Workers Day, or May Day, the Royal Dutch Marine Camp in Savaneta is converted into a "theme park" where the troops welcome islanders to come and learn about what they do and to enjoy a full day of activities, all to support a worthy cause.

The proceeds from renting space to various vendors for one of the largest flea markets on the island (a treasured part

of the day) as well as food and refreshment booths and a raffle with prizes donated from local shops, restaurants and resorts, this year will benefit Ambiente Nobo, a care facility for physically and mentally challenged adults.

This is a great day for bargain hunting, and many artists who specialize in handicrafts such as handmade glass beads, mosaics, and some wonderfully attractive mobiles, were showing off their creations. Radio Station Cool 101.5 FM conducts the entertainment that keeps people there throughout the day; urging them to buy raffle tickets and transmitting the excitement live. On average, the open house draws around 18,000 islanders to the camp, which generates a substantial contribution.

The Royal Dutch Marines pride themselves



on their community spirit, and so provide space for a number of important local foundations to sell tee shirts and other



goods to raise funds for their cause Foundation Pa Nos Comunidad, which assists the poor, Special Olympics Committee and Animal Rights Aruba were all in evidence, and Wayaca Animal Shelter offered adorable puppies and kittens for adoption.

It is a day filled with fun and thrills, as visitors enjoy boat rides, obstacle courses, rappelling and being hoisted high in the sky, while learning



about what it means to be a Royal Dutch Marine.

by Rosalie Klein



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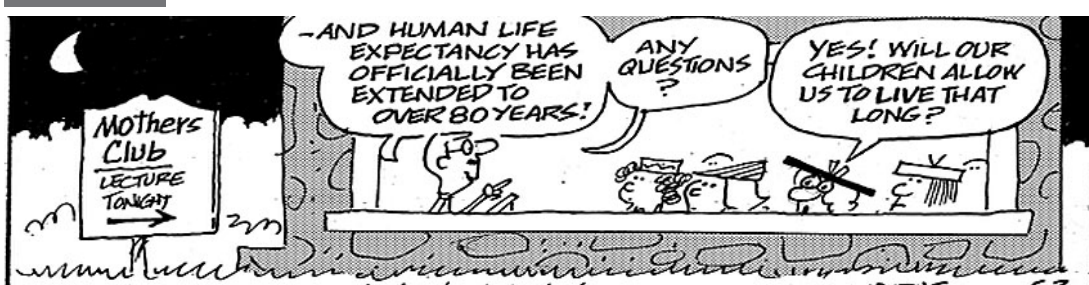
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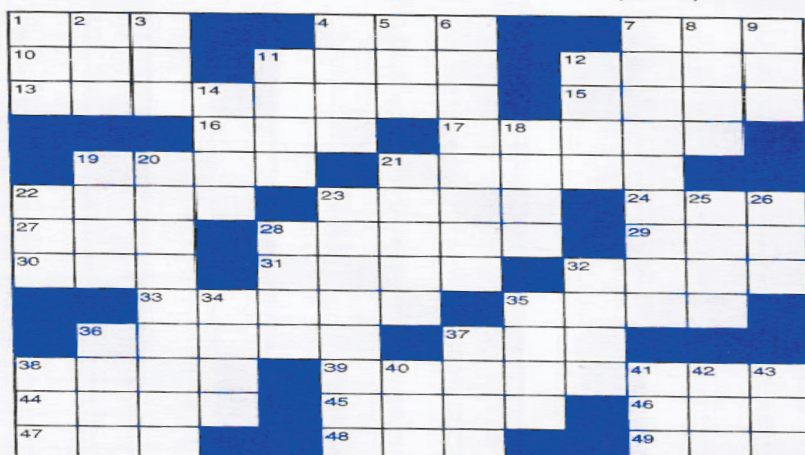
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30. Digits (abbr.)
31. Fondles
32. Finds a sum
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35. Mirth

36. "Brenda —"
37. Spanish "Mrs."
38. "I sense trouble!" (hyph.)
39. Enmesh
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46. Breakfast grain
47. One billion years
48. Navigation aid
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US sues Deutsche Bank for mortgage fraud

NEW YORK (AFP) – The US Justice Department sued German giant Deutsche Bank yesterday for mortgage fraud, saying the bank illegally obtained government insurance for substandard mortgages during the US housing boom.

Deutsche Bank and its subsidiary MortgageIT "repeatedly lied to be included in a government program to select mortgages for insurance by the government," the Justice Department complaint said.

"While Deutsche Bank and MortgageIT profited from the resale of these government-insured mortgages, thousands of American homeowners have faced default and eviction, and the government has paid hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance claims, with hundreds of millions of dollars more expected in the future," it said.

Saudi unlikely to lift oil output quickly, says analysts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Saudi Arabia is unlikely to boost oil production quickly to ease the rise of crude prices, because it needs high prices for its own increased spending, analysts at an international banking think tank said yesterday.

After producing 8.6 million barrels a day in 2010, the world's leading oil supplier will only kick up production to about 8.9 million barrels this year, said analysts at the Washington-based Institute of International Finance.

They said Riyadh needs the higher prices to offset its sharp increase in spending, an effort aimed in part at assuaging Saudis amid a surge in public unrest across the Middle East and North Africa.

The Saudi government is overwhelmingly dependent on income from oil exports to fund its budget, and in December economists calculated that expected 2011 spending was based on the country earning \$70 to \$73 dollars a barrel.

World Bank, AfDB pledge \$1 bn to support Tunisia

TUNIS, Tunisia1 (AFP) - The World Bank and African Development Bank yesterday pledged \$1 billion (673 million euros) to support Tunisia in its transition following its popular uprising.

Tunisia is in transition following a popular uprising that forced former president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to flee the country on January 14, ending 23 years in power. It inspired similar uprisings across the Arab world, including in Egypt and Libya.

An interim government is running the country and elections for a constituent assembly are due July 24.

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A slow economic recovery for Aruba

Summary of the Bulletin for the fourth quarter of 2010

ORANJESTAD -- The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Quarterly Bulletin of the fourth quarter of 2010 that, based upon available indicators, the economy of Aruba continued to show signs of a recovery, albeit at a slow pace. Overall business sentiment improved for the second quarter in a row. Stay-over tourism also performed somewhat better in the fourth quarter of 2010, growing by 0.6 percent. For 2010 as a whole, the number of stay-over visitors expanded by 1.6 percent, basically the result of a 1.5 percent rise in tourists from the United States, whereby strong growth in some other markets, including Brazil and the United Kingdom, complemented the outcome.

Developments in the construction sector indicate a more positive outlook. Construction activities are likely to increase in the near future, fueled by the restart of the oil refinery activities and other important construction projects (e.g., Ritz Carlton hotel and the Linear Park).

Merchandise trade data show that the trade deficit widened by Afl. 54.0 million or 12.3 percent to Afl. 493.1 million. Increased imports of machinery, base metals and

transport equipment were the main contributing factors to this broadened outcome, a development in line with the more optimistic outlook in the construction sector.

The average price level recorded during the fourth quarter of 2010 was 0.6 percent lower than that recorded a year earlier. The 12-month average inflation rate amounted to 2.1 percent at the end of the fourth quarter of 2010. As a result, the real exchange rate against the US dollar went up by 0.5 percentage point, indicating a slight deterioration in Aruba's competitive position vis-à-vis the United States.

Money supply contracted by Afl. 87.0 million because of an Afl. 119.9 million net outflow of foreign funds, while the domestic component of the money supply expanded by Afl. 32.9 million. The interest rate margin (the difference between the weighted average interest rate on new loans and the weighted average interest rate on new deposits) rose to 8.5 percent, associated with interest rate increases in both commercial and individual loans. The commercial banking sector's prudential ratios continued to show adequate levels, including high solvency and

liquidity ratios.

The government's financial deficit on a cash basis amounted to Afl. 116.9 million in the quarter under review, 78.2 percent higher than in 2009. Tax revenues fell by 13.7 percent, while total expenditure (on a cash basis) decreased by 7.3 percent. Expressed as a percentage of GDP, total government debt reached 55.2 percent at the end of December 2010.

The balance of payments posted an Afl. 119.9 million deficit in the final quarter of 2010, resulting in an equivalent net outflow of funds to abroad. The main factors contributing to this net outflow were the higher imports of the oil sector related to the preparations for the restart of the refining activities at the Valero refinery and increased payments of dividends, particularly by the hotel sector, out of profits made in previous years.

The Quarterly Bulletin also contains several articles with, respectively, an overview of the developments in the financial sector, the 2009 results of the portfolio investment survey, and the first results of the new credit conditions survey showing the credit institutions' expectations on lending demand.

IMF predicts growth of 4.75 % in Latin America in 2011

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted growth of 4.75% in Latin America for 2011 and warned of risks of overheating, according to a report presented yesterday in Mexico City.

"Latin America continues growing at a vigorous rhythm backed by a strong increase in internal demand," the IMF said in the presentation of the report on regional financial perspectives.

"But the region is experiencing an excess of stimulus measures, which brings risks of overheating."

The estimate of 4.75% growth is slightly above an IMF figure released in April

of 4.7%.

Latin America saw growth of six percent in 2010.

The IMF said that high prices of raw materials and favorable conditions for ex-

ternal financing were giving a boost to regional growth, "in some cases at a faster rhythm than some economies are prepared to manage."

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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

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parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varela Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena" - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Grandma's stoba with classic rice/peas and homemade potato-beat salad

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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Italy statuette shows Obama holding bin Laden's head

NAPLES, Italy (AFP) – Traditional artisans in southern Italy have put a clay statuette showing US President Barack Obama holding Osama bin Laden's head on sale in an unusual reaction to the Al-Qaeda chief's killing.

The statuette was fashioned by artisans who usually make religious figures for the elaborate Christmas Nativity scenes typical of the city of Naples and who have branched out in recent years into pursuing more contemporary themes.

The hand-painted figurine shows the American president grinning and flashing a victory sign. Bin Laden's disembodied head is also smiling.



Naples artisans have a reputation for their quick reaction to news events.

When Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was

struck in December 2009, statues with his bloodied face appeared on sale within hours.

81-year-old fights off Hong Kong teen muggers

HONG KONG, China (AFP) – An 81-year-old man in Hong Kong single-handedly fought off a gang of teenage muggers, police said Monday, with eight youths arrested and some requiring hospital treatment.

The elderly man, only identified as Mak, was assaulted by the gang aged between 15 and 19 in a pedestrian tunnel during the 4:00 am incident when he was on his way to do morning exercise. He was attacked from behind.

"They pushed him to the ground and tried to rob him. The man fought back and the gang ran away empty-handed," a police spokeswoman told AFP.

Some of the teenage mug-



gers, five boys and three girls, sustained cuts and minor injuries after the man put up a fierce fight. Police later traced a trail of blood to a nearby flat and detained the teenagers.

The injured were taken to hospital for treatment.

Grumpy bridesmaid not amused by royal kiss

LONDON, England (AFP) – The crowds outside Buckingham Palace were all begging for Prince William and Kate Middleton to kiss -- but one young bridesmaid's expression showed just what she thought of the whole business.

Three-year-old Grace van Cutsem, the new Duke of Cambridge's goddaughter, covered her ears, leaned on the ledge and stared balefully at the crowd as the royal couple locked lips behind her, photographs showed.

Kate tried to comfort the little girl, whose comedy moment apparently came after



she became overwhelmed by the noise of the event as some 500,000 people massed

in The Mall outside the palace.

MUMBAI, India (AFP) -- Indian Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra poses at the Dadasaheb Phalke Awards 2011 ceremony in Mumbai on May 3, 2011.

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in cinema given annually by the Government of India for lifetime contribution to Indian cinema.

Indian film producer, director and screenwriter K. Balachander received the award for the year 2010.

"I felt really nice getting this award because this is an award from our industry. I'm very happy," Asha Parekh told reporters here.

The 28-year-old, who has done steamy scenes in films like Andaaz, Aitraaz and Fashion among others, says that among the few things that she would not indulge in would be nudity.



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Profile: Felipe B. Tromp Cup winner 2011: Jordy Groters

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In 2009, while competing in the 11-12 age range he really began to show his mettle by winning 75 gold medals, 11 silver and 5 bronze, while setting 63 new records local and internationally, and claiming the overall high point trophy at 9 swim meets. 2010 he again scored 48 gold medals, 31 of them during international meets outside Aruba, and just days before receiving the Governor Felipe B. Tromp Cup he had returned from Barbados and the CARIFTA championships



year division 200 Breaststroke, 400 Individual Medley and the 13-14 year 50 Freestyle. He holds the Aruban records for

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50 Butterfly, 100 Butterfly
200 Individual Medley, 400 Individual Medley

Jordy is proficient at a number of strokes; however, he is exceptionally talented at the breaststroke, which he enjoys, something not particularly popular among most swimmers. This gives him a great advantage during medleys, as he is quite proficient in freestyle and butterfly, as well. However, he admits he is weak in backstroke "but being so strong at breaststroke allows me to make up for this, and I will usually catch up what I have lost during the backstroke lap, easily." He finds it fun and relaxing; during his first year as a selection swimmer Aruba hosted the CARIFTA events, and the coaches noticed they needed someone to compete in breaststroke, and felt he could win it. He won gold with his first event, and it has become the focus of his training. "It makes him an awesome medley swimmer,"

confirmed his mother. He is the Aruban Individual Medley champ, breaking the record of swimmers far older and more experienced, including Aruban Olympian Jan Roodzant, who competed in Beijing in 2008.

This impressive youngster dedicates 1 hour a day 3

swim coach. "Jordy is still finding his niche, and exploring what he is capable of," reports his Maureen, "we know sprinting and middle distance are his strengths, but he is not a long distance swimmer."

"It is simply too boring for me," confirms Jordy.

Jordy and his family are packing up and moving to Ft. Lauderdale at the end of this school year, where he plans to seriously pursue his swimming training. While attending swimming camp there he realized that working with U.S. coaches will take him further along the path he wishes to pursue. They do plan to travel back to Aruba on a regular basis so he can



Jordy at left accompanied by dad posing in front of his trophy wall

with 4 gold and 4 silver medals. He has so many he has stopped keeping track. He presently holds the CARIFTA records in 11-12

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Baskets full of medals from him and his siblings

times a week before school for swim practice and 2 to 2½ hours daily after school. Jordy is certain that no matter where the future takes him, swimming will be a part of it; hopefully competing for his country in the Olympics someday, but at the very least, a career in PE as a

participate in the national championships and qualifying meets to represent Aruba abroad; he is adamant in his plan to compete internationally for the island of his birth. "When I swim at international events, it will only be with the Aruba flag on my back."



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Mavs rally to shock Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Dallas rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit Monday to shock the two-time de-



"I'm not so sure Dallas didn't out-play us, but the players felt like they gave it away. A couple of missed plays at the offensive end and that foul at the end to put them on the line kind of makes it difficult to win these kind of games."

Bryant finished with 36 points, 21 of them in the second half. It was the 81st 30-point playoff game of his career, but it wasn't enough to hold off the determined Mavericks in the first postseason meeting between the two teams in 23

fending champion Los Angeles Lakers 96-94 in game one of their NBA Western Conference second-round playoff series.

The Mavericks' German star Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points -- including two free throws that gave Dallas the lead with less than 20 seconds remaining.

That was followed by a Lakers turnover with five seconds remaining, when superstar Kobe Bryant fell as he tried to get the ball from teammate Pau Gasol.

After Dallas' Jason Kidd made one of two free throws, Bryant missed a last-gasp three-point attempt.

"Well, we went in the locker room and felt like we gave the game away," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

years.

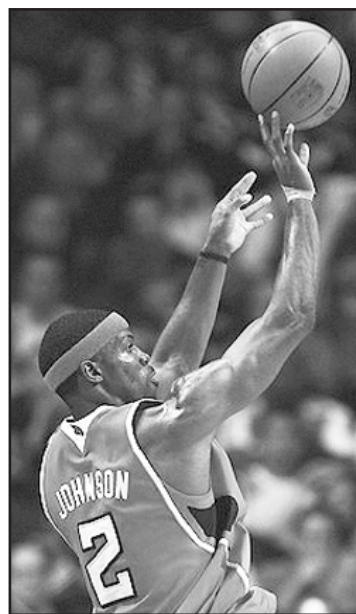
The Mavericks then turned the ball over on their first three possessions of the second half as they fell behind 60-44. They gave themselves the chance to win it, however, with a 20-6 scoring run.

The Lakers host game two on Wednesday before the series shifts to Dallas for games three and four on Friday and Sunday.

The winner of the series will take on either Memphis or Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals for a chance to take on a team from the East for the NBA title.

Memphis defeated Oklahoma City 114-101 in their series opener on Sunday.

Hawks swoop for win over Bulls



CHICAGO (AFP) — Joe Johnson scored 34 points Monday to lead the Atlanta Hawks to a 103-95 victory over the top-seeded Chicago Bulls in the first game of their NBA Eastern Conference second-round playoff series.

In addition to the defeat on their home court, the Bulls saw Most Valuable Player candidate Derrick Rose limp off at the end of the contest after he twisted an ankle when he stepped on Jamal Crawford's foot in the waning seconds.

"I should be OK," Rose said after he was helped off the court. "I'll probably get treatment right now, go home, get some more treatment and be ready to go for Wednesday."

The defeat spoiled a night that the Bulls opened by celebrating coach Tom Thibodeau's achievement in being named NBA Coach of the Year.

The Hawks put Chicago on the defensive early, jumping to a quick lead.

The Bulls rallied to go up by as many as six points in the third quarter before Atlanta engineered a 15-2 scoring run spanning the third and fourth quarters.

Johnson was key, draining three three-pointers and scored 11 points in the surge, which saw the Hawks take an 80-71 lead with less than 11 minutes to play.

"I just want to come out and be aggressive and make plays," Johnson said. "Collectively, as a team, we've been great in the postseason. We've approached every game with intensity."

Johnson was superb, making 12 of his 18 shots, including all five of his attempts from three-point range.

Crawford scored 22 points and Jeff Teague, starting for injured Kirk Hinrich, added 10.

Rose scored 24 points for Chicago, making just 11 of his 27 attempts from the field.

Chicago will try to get back on track when they host game two tonight.

The winner of the best-of-seven series will face either Boston or Miami in the Eastern Conference finals for a chance to battle a team from the West for the NBA crown.

Miami beat Boston 99-90 in game one of that series on Sunday and host game two on Tuesday.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	17	9	.654	--
TAMPA	15	13	.536	2.5
BALTIMORE	13	14	.481	3.5
TORONTO	13	15	.464	4.5
BOSTON	13	15	.464	5.0

Central

CLEVELAND	19	8	.704	--
KANSAS CITY	15	13	.536	4.5
DETROIT	12	17	.414	8.0
CHICAGO	11	19	.367	9.5
MINNESOTA	9	18	.333	10.

West

LA ANGELES	16	13	.552	--
TEXAS	16	13	.552	--
OAKLAND	15	14	.517	1.0
SEATTLE	13	16	.448	3.0

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	18	9	.667	--
FLORIDA	18	9	.667	--
ATLANTA	15	15	.500	4.5
WASHINGTON	14	14	.500	4.5
NY METS	12	16	.429	6.5

Central

ST. LOUIS	16	13	.552	--
CINCINNATI	14	14	.500	1.5
PITTSBURG	14	15	.483	2.0
MILWAUKEE	13	15	.464	2.5
CHICAGO	12	16	.429	3.5
HOUSTON	11	17	.393	4.5

West

COLORADO	17	9	.654	--
LA DODGERS	15	15	.500	4.0
SAN FRANCISCO	13	15	.464	5.0
ARIZONA	12	15	.444	5.5
SAN DIEGO	11	18	.379	7.5

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Profile: Felipe B. Tromp Cup winner 2011: Jordy Groters



Jordy Groters receives Felipe B Tromp Cup from Governor Refunjol

The celebration of the Dutch national holiday, Queen's Birthday, on April 30th, is begun by an official ceremony at the Wilhelmina Park in Oranjestad, conducted by Queen Beatrix's appointed representative on Aruba, Governor Fredis Refunjol. A traditional part of the official event is singling out a youngster who is an outstanding role model to island youth; usually in the field of athletic achievement. This year, it was 14-year-old Jordy Groters, who has been swimming competitively locally and as a part of the national team, The Stingrays, since he was 7. Jordy follows in the footsteps of his older sister and brother, Derek and Ashley, who were also members of The Stingrays; Ashley is in her freshman year at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a swimming scholarship.

The Groter's home is a testament to the support and

pride of Jordy's parents, Ron and Maureen; bowls filled with the medals won by their children decorate a table near the entrance, and an entire wall sports shelves with trophies, each one dedicated to one of their athletic offspring. Jordy's, at present, contains the majority.

After 2 years of training and local competition beginning in 2004, Jordy began representing his country during international meets in Barbados, Fort Lauderdale, Santo Domingo and Trinidad; already breaking records in his age category. He was named Male Athlete of the Year 2007 under 13. He had won a total of 54 gold medals; 14 locally and 40 internationally, plus 10 silver, 2 on Aruba and 8 on the international circuit. In 2008 he claimed a total of 35 gold and 14 silver medals, 21 and 13 of them while competing in meets outside Aruba.

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World Cup final ref Webb gets United-Chelsea clash

LONDON (AFP) - World Cup final referee Howard Webb will be in charge for the potentially Premier League title-deciding clash between Manchester United and Chelsea at Old Trafford this weekend, it was announced on Tuesday.

Victory for Chelsea on Sunday would see them go ahead of United on goal differ-

ence with just two games of the season left.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has resorted to a familiar tactic recently in complaining about the number of decisions that have gone against his side.

However, Webb - in charge for Spain's victory over the Netherlands during last year's

World Cup final in South Africa - ruled in United's favour when he gave them a penalty against Liverpool in an FA Cup tie earlier this season.

That led to Ryan Babel posting a mocked-up picture of the Yorkshireman wearing a United shirt on Twitter, a gesture that saw the Dutchman fined £10,000 (\$16,530).

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